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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0219

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET  
SUBJECT: TENNECO FIVE

REF: ASMARA 211

1. AS A RESULT OF REPORT THAT SECOND DIVISION, SIXTH BRIGADE  
HAD DETERMINED TO PURSUE THE ELF CAPTORS OF THE TENNECO  
FIVE, I MADE LOCAL CONTACTS TO ATTEMPT CONFIRM REPORT.

VICEMIN FOR AFFAIRS SOLOMON TECLE SAID HE KNEW LITTLE OF  
INTERNAL  
PERATIONS OF SECOND DIVISION. OWEVER, HE ADDED  
THAT HE DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD ACT IN A WAY TO JEOPARDIZE  
LIVES OF TENNECO FIVE. I WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT GENERAL  
SYEOUM BECAUSE HE WAS VISITING THE EIGHTH BRIGADE AT  
AGORDAT. HOWEVER, THROUGH COLONEL SIMPSON, MAAG, I WAS ABLE  
TO CONTACT THE G-3, WHO ASSURED ME THE SIXTH BRIRADE AAS NOT  
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PURSUIING THE ELF. THEY HAD SENT AN ESCORT COMPANY WITH

THE VILLAGE CHIEFS AND THEY HAVE OTHER ELEMENTS ENCAMPED  
IN THE AREA, IF HE ELF DOES NOT STUMBLE UPON ONE OF THESE  
GROUPS IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE AN ARMED CONFRONTATION.

2. BURTCHAELL REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MOD TO PROTEST ANY ACTION THAT WOULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THE TENNECO GROUP. I ASSURED HIM THAT SUCH REPRESENTATION WAS BEING MADE AND THAT I WAS CONTACTING THE SECOND DIVISION IN ASMARA.

3. BURTCHAELL SAID THAT THE VILLAGE CHIEFS IN THE AREA WERE TELLING THE ELF TO RELEASE THEIR CAPTIVES OR LOSE THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL POPULATION. HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL DECIDED TO REPLY TO THE DEMAND FOR NO RETALIATION THROUGH THE VILLAGE CHIEFS RATHER THAN THE PRESS. MOST SOURCES CONTACTEE HAVE AN AIG OF ACCOMMODATION WITH THE ELF, IN THIS INSTANCE, IN ORDER TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE HE LIVES OF THE TENNECO GROUP. HOWEVER, GIVEN COMMAND BREAK-DOWN OVER PAST MONTH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION COULD ACT ALONE, WIHOUT ORDERS.

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